

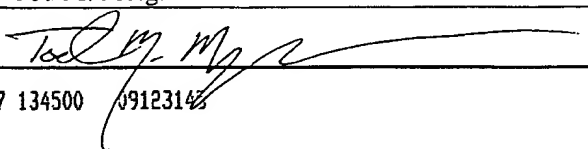
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL			
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application No. 09/123,145		
	Filing Date July 27, 1998		
	First Named Inventor Kenzo SEKIGUCHI		
	Group Art Unit 2622		
	Examiner Name Joseph R. Pokrzywa		
	Atty Docket No. 1232-4458		
	Confirmation No. 5208		
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. <i>NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.</i>			
1. <b>Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114</b>			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted			
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____. iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed			
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)			
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
iv. Other:			
2. <b>Miscellaneous</b>			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)			
b. Other:			
3. <b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u> , Order No. ____.			
i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)			
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.			
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u> , Order No. ____			
<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>			
Name (Print/Type)	Tod M. Melgar	Reg. No. (Atty/Agent)	41,190
Signature		Date	March 5, 2007

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